

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/12/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6 and 9.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 5/30/03
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mrs. Georgann, Grunebach (reg. No. 33179) on September 28, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 11, after land mass, -- Wherein at least one of said first plurality of spot beams having a plurality of beam segment portions, said plurality of beam segment portions being independently adjustable in response to a condition, wherein said condition is heavy traffic routed through said satellite--has been added.

Claims 7-8 and 10 are deleted.

In claim 9, line 2, "8" has been deleted instead -1—has been inserted.

Allowable Subject Matter

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record Araki teaches a satellite system (33 and 32) operating over a land mass (a land mass 10 figures 3-4 and 7) comprising: a first satellite (33) generating a first plurality of spot beams directed at the land mass (plurality of beam directed to land mass (33-1-33-5), the first set of spot beams partially covering the land mass (33-1-33-5 set of spot beams partially covered the land mass 10, figures 3-4 and 7, column 4, lines 28-47 and column 5, lines 29-49). a second satellite (32) generating a second plurality of spot

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beams, at land mass (spot beams 33-6 and 33-7 of figure 3-4 and 7 column 4, lines 28-47 and column 5, lines 29-49).

On the other hand, the present application specifically teaches the first plurality of spot beams and second plurality of spot beams in substantially ubiquitous coverage spot beams and said combination provide over the land mass wherein at least one of said first plurality of spot beams having a plurality of beam segment portions, said plurality of beam segment portions being independently adjustable in response to a condition, said condition is heavy traffic routed through said satellite.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tilahun B Gesesse whose telephone number is 571-272-7879. The examiner can normally be reached on flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nay Maung can be reached on 571-272-7882.

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